

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (EXCERPT)
Act 197 of 1975

125.1654 Board; appointment, terms, and qualifications of members; vacancy; compensation and expenses; election of chairperson; oath; conducting business at public meeting; public notice; special meetings; removal of members; review; expense items and financial records; availability of writings to public; single board governing all authorities; member as resident or having interest in property; planning commission serving as board in certain municipalities; modification by interlocal agreement.

Sec. 4. (1) Except as provided in subsections (7), (8), and (9), an authority shall be under the supervision and control of a board consisting of the chief executive officer of the municipality and not less than 8 or more than 12 members as determined by the governing body of the municipality. Members shall be appointed by the chief executive officer of the municipality, subject to approval by the governing body of the municipality. Not less than a majority of the members shall be persons having an interest in property located in the downtown district or officers, members, trustees, principals, or employees of a legal entity having an interest in property located in the downtown district. Not less than 1 of the members shall be a resident of the downtown district, if the downtown district has 100 or more persons residing within it. Of the members first appointed, an equal number of the members, as near as is practicable, shall be appointed for 1 year, 2 years, 3 years, and 4 years. A member shall hold office until the member's successor is appointed. Thereafter, each member shall serve for a term of 4 years. An appointment to fill a vacancy shall be made by the chief executive officer of the municipality for the unexpired term only. Members of the board shall serve without compensation, but shall be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses. The chairperson of the board shall be elected by the board.

(2) Before assuming the duties of office, a member shall qualify by taking and subscribing to the constitutional oath of office.

(3) The business which the board may perform shall be conducted at a public meeting of the board held in compliance with the open meetings act, 1976 PA 267, MCL 15.261 to 15.275. Public notice of the time, date, and place of the meeting shall be given in the manner required by the open meetings act, 1976 PA 267, MCL 15.261 to 15.275. The board shall adopt rules consistent with the open meetings act, 1976 PA 267, MCL 15.261 to 15.275, governing its procedure and the holding of regular meetings, subject to the approval of the governing body. Special meetings may be held if called in the manner provided in the rules of the board.

(4) Pursuant to notice and after having been given an opportunity to be heard, a member of the board may be removed for cause by the governing body. Removal of a member is subject to review by the circuit court.

(5) All expense items of the authority shall be publicized monthly and the financial records shall always be open to the public.

(6) In addition to the items and records prescribed in subsection (5), a writing prepared, owned, used, in the possession of, or retained by the board in the performance of an official function shall be made available to the public in compliance with the freedom of information act, 1976 PA 442, MCL 15.231 to 15.246.

(7) By resolution of its governing body, a municipality having more than 1 authority may establish a single board to govern all authorities in the municipality. The governing body may designate the board of an existing authority as the board for all authorities or may establish by resolution a new board in the same manner as provided in subsection (1). A member of a board governing more than 1 authority may be a resident of or have an interest in property in any of the downtown districts controlled by the board in order to meet the requirements of this section.

(8) By ordinance, the governing body of a municipality that has a population of less than 5,000 may have the municipality's planning commission created pursuant to 1931 PA 285, MCL 125.31 to 125.45, serve as the board provided for in subsection (1).

(9) If a municipality enters into an agreement with a qualified township under section 3(7), the membership of the board may be modified by the interlocal agreement described in section 3(7).

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